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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification** (Clean copy as amended)

**Please replace paragraph 008 (second paragraph on page 3) with the following:**

A<sup>1</sup> [008] This invention relates to a mammalian secreted group XII sPLA<sub>2</sub> containing a potential Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding segment (SEQ ID NO: 8) GCGSP.

**Please replace paragraph 0010 (last paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 ) with the following:**

A<sup>2</sup> [0010] Fig. 1 represents the alignment of the amino acid sequences of sPLA<sub>2</sub>s. In panel A, the full-length sequence of hGXII (SEQ ID NO: 2) is aligned with the amino acid sequences of mouse (SEQ ID NO: 10), rat (SEQ ID NO: 11), bovine (SEQ ID NO: 12) and